



United Presbyterian Church  
1701 E. Second St.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2025

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**Welcome and Announcements**

Elder Allen Pease



Today's sanctuary flowers are placed by Alejandra & Souheil Haddad in celebration of the 89<sup>th</sup> birthday of Alejandra's mother Eugenia.

The vase of roses in various colors is placed in loving memory of the UPC women who've gone before us.

**Prelude**

Benjamin Watkins, piano

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 23:1-6)

Elder Jan Berend Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

Liturgist: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff- they comfort me.**

Liturgist: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

**Music for Meditation**

The UPC Quartet

**Call for Confession** (Liturgist)

Our sin is before us, leading us astray. Let us return to God through our prayer of confession.

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison with Liturgist)

**Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ's righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (Liturgist)

We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. Amen.

*\*Gloria Patri*

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**Passing of the Peace**

Liturgist: God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Let us share this holy peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Hymn**

**Prayer for Illumination – Elder Haddad**

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

**The New Testament Lesson**      *Acts 9: 36-43 – Elder Haddad*

Elder: The word of the Lord      **People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**      *A Life of Quiet Faithfulness*      Elder Alejandra Haddad

**\*Sermon Hymn:**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (from A Brief Statement of Faith) led by Elder Haddad

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer – Elder Alejandra Haddad**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Call for the Offering – Elder Alejandra Haddad**

**Offertory**

*\*Doxology #592*

**Prayer of Dedication      Elder Haddad**

**\*Closing Hymn:**

**Charge and Benediction**      Elder Alejandra Haddad

**Postlude**      Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

**UPC Prayer List** - Email requests to: [upcbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:upcbloomington@gmail.com).

Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson Diana Trowbridge  
His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine

**Union Bethel Presbyterian Church** is a small rural church in Gibson County, founded in 1884. We meet every Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**Main Street Presbyterian Church** in Petersburg is pastored by Elder Rob Henson and was founded in 1821 as part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The present building was first dedicated in 1886. In 1905 the Old School Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches of Petersburg voted to unite. The union was in 1906, and it became the Main Street Presbyterian Church. Rob Henson is our Commissioned Pastor. We are growing, striving to make a difference. With time, talent and treasure, we support community outreach efforts include the food pantry, clothing bank and animal shelter. Helping others has always been a priority for us. We have a strong scholarship program that provides financial aid for members, their children and their grandchildren. Our mission is to be an example of Christ's love for others and a resource for our community's needs - spiritually, physically, and financially.



WE CONGRATULATE EACH OF OUR GRADUATES!  
THERE WILL BE A BOX FOR EACH GRAD AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH,  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DROP THEM A NOTE OR A CARD.



**CHRISTABEL NYARKO**

*with High Distinction*  
*magna cum laude*

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